

## Claims

1. A ticket management system including a terminal device and a ticket management server,

5 the terminal device comprising:

an electronic value storage unit storing an electronic value;

an acquisition unit operable to acquire, from a ticket to which non-updatable value information is assigned,  
10 identification information which identifies the ticket;

a transmission unit operable to transmit an electronization request including the acquired identification information to the ticket management server; and

a value update unit operable to update the electronic  
15 value stored in the electronic value storage unit, by adding an electronic value shown by the value information assigned to the ticket identified by the identification information, and

the ticket management server comprising:

a status storage unit storing the identification  
20 information and status information showing whether the ticket identified by the identification information has been electronized, in correspondence with each other;

a reception unit operable to receive the electronization request from the terminal device; and

25 a change unit operable to, when the status information corresponding to the identification information included in the electronization request shows that the ticket has not been electronized, change the status information to show that the

ticket has been electronized.

2. A terminal device for converting a ticket to which non-updatable value information is assigned into an electronic value, and being used with a ticket management server which manages electronization of the ticket identified by identification information, the terminal device comprising:

an electronic value storage unit storing the electronic value;

an acquisition unit operable to acquire the identification information which identifies the ticket from the ticket;

a transmission unit operable to transmit an electronization request including the acquired identification information to the ticket management server; and

a value update unit operable to update the electronic value stored in the electronic value storage unit, by adding an electronic value shown by the value information assigned to the ticket identified by the identification information.

3. The terminal device of Claim 2, wherein the value update unit includes:

a write judgment unit operable to judge whether the ticket identified by the acquired identification information is valid;

a value acquisition unit operable to, when the ticket is judged as valid, acquire the electronic value shown by the value information assigned to the ticket; and

a value update unit operable to update the electronic

value stored in the electronic value storage unit, by adding the acquired electronic value.

4. The terminal device of Claim 3, wherein

5 the write judgment unit includes:

a receiving unit operable to receive electronization information showing whether the ticket identified by the identification information has been electronized, from the ticket management server; and

10 a determination unit operable to, when the electronization information shows that the ticket has not been electronized, determine the ticket as valid.

5. The terminal device of Claim 3, wherein

15 judgment information based on the identification information is stored on the ticket,

the write judgment unit includes:

a judgment information acquisition unit operable to acquire the judgment information; and

20 a determination unit operable to, when the identification information coincides with the judgment information, determine the ticket as valid.

6. The terminal device of Claim 5, wherein

25 the judgment information is stored on the ticket in a bar code format, and

the judgment information acquisition unit acquires the judgment information stored in the bar code format.

7. The terminal device of Claim 3, wherein  
the value acquisition unit includes:

a request unit operable to, when the ticket is judged as  
valid, request the ticket management server to notify the value  
5 information assigned to the ticket by transmitting a  
notification request including the identification  
information, and

a response acquisition unit operable to receive, as a  
response to the notification request, the value information  
10 from the ticket management server, and acquire the electronic  
value shown by the value information.

8. The terminal device of Claim 3, wherein  
the identification information includes the value  
15 information assigned to the ticket, and

the value acquisition unit, when the ticket is judged as  
valid, extracts the value information from the identification  
information, and acquires the electronic value shown by the  
value information.

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9. The terminal device of Claim 2, wherein  
the ticket includes a storage device storing the  
identification information which identifies the ticket, and

the acquisition unit acquires the identification  
25 information stored on the storage device.

10. The terminal device of Claim 9, wherein  
the storage device is an IC tag storing the identification

information, and

the acquisition unit acquires the identification information stored on the IC tag.

5 11. The terminal device of Claim 2, wherein  
the identification information is stored on the ticket in a bar code format, and

the acquisition unit acquires the identification information stored in the bar code format.

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12. The terminal device of Claim 2 further comprising:

an invalidation identification acquisition unit operable to acquire identification information which identifies an invalid ticket;

15 an invalid value acquisition unit operable to acquire an invalid value that is an electronic value shown by value information assigned to the invalid ticket identified by the acquired identification information;

20 a balance judgment unit operable to judge whether the invalid value is no more than the electronic value stored in the electronic value storage unit;

a validation request transmission unit operable to, when the invalid value is judged as no more than the electronic value stored in the electronic value storage unit, transmit a  
25 validation request of the ticket to the ticket management server;

an authorization reception unit operable to receive authorization information for authorizing to validate the

ticket from the ticket management server; and

a subtraction unit operable to, when the authorization information is received, subtract the invalid value from the electronic value stored in the electronic value storage unit.

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13. The terminal device of Claim 2 realized by a communication device and a storage medium, wherein

the communication device includes the acquisition unit, the transmission unit, and the value update unit, and

10 the storage medium includes the electronic value storage unit.

14. A ticket management server which manages a status of a ticket to which non-updatable value information is assigned,

15 the ticket management server comprising:

a status storage unit storing identification information which identifies the ticket and status information showing whether the ticket identified by the identification information has been electronized, in correspondence with each other;

20 a reception unit operable to receive an electronization request including the identification information of the ticket, from a terminal device; and

a change unit operable to, when the ticket identified by the identification information included in the electronization request is valid, change the status information corresponding to the identification information stored in the status storage unit, to show that the ticket has been electronized.

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15. The ticket management server of Claim 14, wherein  
the change unit includes:

a judgment unit operable to judge whether the status  
information stored in the status storage unit corresponding to  
5 the identification information included in the electronization  
request shows that the ticket has been electronized, and

a changing unit operable to, when the ticket is judged  
as not having been electronized, determine the identification  
information as valid, and change the status information to show  
10 that the ticket has been elctoronized.

16. The ticket management server of Claim 14 further  
comprising:

a validation request receiving unit operable to receive  
15 a ticket validation request including identification  
information of an invalid ticket from the terminal device;

an electronization judgment unit operable to judge  
whether status information corresponding to the identification  
information included in the validation request shows that the  
20 ticket has been electronized;

a ticket validation unit operable to, when the status  
information shows that the ticket has been electronized, change  
the status information to show that the ticket has not been  
electronized; and

25 an authorization transmission unit operable to, when the  
status information shows that the ticket has been electronized,  
transmit authorization information showing authorization to  
validate the ticket to the terminal device.

17. A register device for adjusting a payment amount, and being used with a ticket management server which manages validity of a money ticket and a terminal device, the register  
5 device comprising:

a calculation unit operable to calculate the payment amount;

a holding unit operable to hold a money ticket ID for identifying the money ticket and amount information showing an  
10 amount of the money ticket, in correspondence with each other;

an acquisition unit operable to acquire, from an IC tag attached to the money ticket, the money ticket ID for identifying the money ticket;

an inquiry unit operable to inquire of the ticket  
15 management server whether the acquired money ticket ID is valid;

a receiving unit operable to receive a response showing whether the money ticket identified by the acquired money ticket ID is valid, from the ticket management server; and

a charging unit operable to, when the response shows that  
20 the money ticket is valid, charge the terminal device for an amount after subtracting the amount of the money ticket identified by the acquired the money ticket ID from the payment amount.

25 18. A value conversion method used in a terminal device including an electronic value storage unit storing an electronic value and convert a ticket to which non-updatable value information is assigned into an electronic value, the



method comprising steps of:

acquiring identification information which identifies the ticket from the ticket;

transmitting an electronization request including the  
5 acquired identification information to a ticket management server which manages electronization of the ticket; and

updating the electronic value stored in the electronic value storage unit, by adding the electronic value shown by the value information assigned to the ticket identified by the  
10 identification information.

19. A computer program used in a terminal device including an electronic value storage unit storing an electronic value and convert a ticket to which non-updatable value information  
15 is assigned into an electronic value, the program comprising steps of:

acquiring identification information which identifies the ticket from the ticket;

transmitting an electronization request including the  
20 acquired identification information to a ticket management server which manages electronization of the ticket; and

updating the electronic value stored in the electronic value storage unit, by adding the electronic value shown by the value information assigned to the ticket identified by the  
25 identification information.

20. A computer readable storage medium storing the computer program of Claim 19.